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SUBJECT : OAU OFFICIAL CLAIMS U.S. NEVER TO RECOGNIZE
GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA BISSAU

1. BEFORE CAPACITY CROWD AT PEOPLE'S PALACE ON NOVEMBER 23, OAU DEPUTY SEC GEN KAMANDA WA KAMANDA MADE SPEECH IN WHICH TO ILLUSTRATE CONTINUING IMPERIALIST OPPOSITION TO AFRICAN INDEPENDENCE, HE CLAIMED ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM HAD DECLARED "U.S. WILL ((BEGIN UNDERLINE)) NEVER ((END UNDERLINE)) RECOGNIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA BISSAU." PRESIDENT TOURE, PAIGC LEADERS AND VISITING DELEGATIONS HERE TO ATTEND THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE GUINEAN "PEOPLE'S VICTORY" OVER THE 1970 INVADERS WERE AMONG THE AUDIENCE. SPEECH WAS REBROADCAST IN TOTAL SEVERAL TIMES OVER VOICE OF THE REVOLUTION ON FOLLOWING DAY.

2. I TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO SEE KAMANDA AT ZAIRE NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION ON NOVEMBER 24 AND, FAILING THAT, I TOLD ZAIRIAN CHARGE THAT I WAS ASTONISHED AND DISTURBED TO HEAR KAMANDA CLAIM AND WISHED TO ASSURE ALL CONCERNED THAT I WAS SURE MR. NEWSOM HAD MADE NO SUCH COMMENT. I ADDED THAT KAMANDA'S STATEMENT COULD ONLY BE HARMFUL TO U.S. RELATIONS WITH INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES AND THAT I WOULD, OF COURSE, CONFIDENTIAL

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INFORM STATE DEPARTMENT AND OUR EMBASSY IN ADDIS ABABA OF

INCIDENT.

3. WHEN EMBOFF MET KAMANDA AT AIRPORT ON NOVEMBER 25, HE PASSED ALONG MY MESSAGE. KAMANDA REPLIED THAT HE WAS ONLY REPEATING WHAT ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA HAD SAID BEFORE OAU MEETING IN ADDIS AT WHICH U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA PRESENT.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING BASIS ON WHICH KAMANDA'S CHARGE MIGHT HAVE BEEN MADE AND EXACTLY WHAT BOUTEFLIKA TOLD OAU. I INTEND TO RAISE MATTER WITH PRESIDENT TOURE AND DENY KAMANDA'S ASSERTION TO HIM AND TO FRIENDLY AFRICAN CHIEFS OF MISSION HERE.
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